# CHINESE PLATTER

# Autumn Will Adopt It as Her Leading Color.

## THE LATEST SPORTING HAT

A Medish Woman Is Judged More by the Color Than the Cut of Her Gown-Picturesque Novelties in Bodices and Sleeves-Floral Bats

New York, July 20.—A perfect gown, that is nobly planned, is still a voile: a weave all wool and silk and woven with so open a mesh that the glory of your foundation skirt is by no means dimmed or obscured. As far as the discerning eye is able to see, this lovable goods is going to push right on into the autumn. and if you happen to have even two or three of these webby gowns in your summer wardrobe, lay to your heart the flattering unction that you are very nicely provided with the beginnings of an autumn trousseau.

In case your equipment, however, does not include a volle and you set forth to covers the wire of the view in the formal hats have wire frames, and to the net that

buy our, he very careful not to drop 'ato covers the wire is made fast a clever there is nothing so offensive in these days of hard high tones in dress as a thit or shade that is demode or beyond the pale of fashion. A woman is more spready induced with the color of the cover and crinkled inner leaves that enclose the stamens. severely judged now by the color than severely judged now by the color than by the cut of her pretty rig, and yet France, and from the same source comes more by the combinations of colors her communicable fushion of rrimming custumes display. Of all the blues that rough green, brown, and yellow straw have in the past twelve months glowed on the dresmakers' horizon, Chinese axure is the one right and only variety but it has remained for this season to to wear. By this is meant the deep, rich tone that glows on those jars and platters that are worth their weight in gold to the students of ceramics, not a high, staring, frivalous blue, but a perfect-match with willow pattern cups when they are true to the Criental poiter's mark. With such to wear. By this is meant the deep, rich

to the Oriental poiter's mark. With such a blue yellow is thrown in combination.

Next after Chinese agure, watteau gray claims distinct preference, and to mention carbon brown is fairly telling tales out of school, for it is one of the surprises saved for next season. In the atellers in Paris, where experts and artists forever study and invent combinations and the plants of the saller hat is a crown of white or blue duck, or pique and a rough straw brite. It is said to be the coolest example of summer and other artists of the sailor hat is a crown of white or blue duck, or pique and a rough straw brite. It is said to be the coolest example of summer and other artists. schemes of color, it has been decided for the immediate future, or, to speak more emphasically, for the next six months, brown Bough Ridges hat. Its simplicity, to keep all costumes, so far as possible, its durability, and the fact that it is a not two colors, admitting of course, thack and white.

Chinese agents

To further explain, a Chinese azure vale may have belt collar, and lining of buttercup silk and yer be prettily touched up with the new white satin gimp. A watteau gray foulard can be figured in

suraps of material are coppery hued velvet, with gold and sliver threads shining
out from the slik mesh. The letting in
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"Come, con of vandykes and the insertion of a color under braiding, lace or embroidery shows signs, through now in its incipiency, of becoming a decided and prevalent fashing the provide patent leather. Warranted not to tarnish in the dew nor crack in the heat and built with black rubber soles, having allows, then we may make upour minds to hook and button all our winter fracks under the left arm. Only with the retent leather shoes are the bags of green waterproof cloth, bound with patent leather and the some keep-with patent leather and most useful little laced boots with vamps of an improved patent leather. Warranted not to tarnish in the dew nor crack in the heat and built with black rubber soles, haven and the patent leather. Warranted not to tarnish in the dew nor crack in the heat and built with black rubber soles, haven and the patent leather. Warranted not to tarnish in the dew nor crack in the heat and built with black rubber soles, haven and the patent leather. Warranted not to tarnish in the dew nor crack in the heat and built with black rubber soles, haven and the patent leather and the provide patent leather. Warranted beautiful laced boots with vamps of an improved patent leather. Warranted boots with vamps of an improved patent leather and most useful laced boots with vamps of the provide patent leather. Warranted boots with vamps of an improved patent leather and most useful little laced boots with vamps of the transfer of the provide patent leather. Warranted boots with vamps of an improved patent leather and the laced boots with vamps of the common laced boots with vamps of the provide patent leather. across the bust is demanded by the dressmaker who leads. Of course, women m grumble against this last order, but ne ribeless a more gracious and becoming relat is the result of the under-arm book-

Any woman with two intelligent eves le her head and a reasoning brain back of her eyes needs only to watch a well-cosasino group, or take notes along drives at Bar Harbor, Newport, et to receive two or three very positive and

freshing impressions.

The first of these relates to the picturesque sleeve of the day. It is cl cague sleeve of the day. It is close, so close that when made by an artist it hugs the arm without a wrinkle and rolls up from the small cuff that overspreads the knuckles clear up to the armpits. Here, like a smoothly-drawn kid glove, the sleeve opens bell shape around a small puff, which rather resembles a musk-meion in shape, and if the sieeve is cioth or silk this puff is most likely made of of gathered or pleated silk muslin. To complete the arm's decoration, a very modest flat epsulette extends from the shoulder upon the puff. A bit of braided cloth, two wedge-shaped pleces of goods or scraps of rich embroidery form the ep-ametre, that is invariably edged with a narrow quilling of material from which the purt is made. Through some flight of group imagination this arm hag has been christened the Charles the Ninth Sleeve.

Bringing her inquisitive vision to bear on the body of the average good gown, note-taking woman will observe, all dress waists hook up to the left, they all show unique trimming and shaping sending that way. A large percentage have their fronts cut in an exact right angle triangle. The point of the angle thooks under the left arm, over a full undervost of soft yellow luce, or embroidmuslin, which shows thus on the left shoulder and under the left bre Other fronts spread up to hook on the left shoulder, but catch only once under the arm, for the material is sloped away below this point to admit a gust of lace or an undervest of brocaded satin to ap pear. To sum up, the whole impression is that of a series of very bizarre little ho-lero fronts that adequately and charm-ingly fill the aching void left by the dear

old pudding bag or pouched front.

Late as it is in this season, the summer wrap has only just mobilized its forces and stepped out on anything like impressive and instructive dress parada. Women whose pockets are lined with whose name signify al-miled credit at the shops, wear confections when driving and calling that are a compromise between the almost obsolete box and the equally degenerate small cape. That is to say, an enomous ruche of black silk violets, of heather blossoms encircles the frills of rich old white lace. The longest frills lets its point fall only a few inches below the wearer's wast and in front clear to her feet extend two white lace scarfs that are supposed to serve as

strings to catch the cape collar up snugly under the throat.

economical woma copies this bit of prettmess most reasonably with a collar of purple violets and strings and falls of tvory-white silk point d'esprit edged with white bebe ribbon.

shade illustrates either a nuge peonly rose, poppy or sunflower. Large petals of Liberty slik are cut out and artfully adjusted to a foundation of slik, and about the ferule end puffed yellow chiffon represents the golden heart of the flower. Vivid scartet poppy parasons are most popular, mounted on black staffs, dipped with silt.

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The flower hats are copies of those

ommended it beyond all rivals to the timely woman.

Talk of hats brings uppermost a vision of a new veil that women are experimenting with the is a black net, heavily

her wear the prettiest and most useful

bags of green waterproof cloth, bound with patent leather, and the score keep-

CAPS WITH "FLOATERS."

Insurrection of American House

phases in domestic circles, and in intel-

head ornament grows larger by the

month. Just now relations between the mistress and maid are unusually strained. on account of a new cut of cap with

which the former insists on crowning the latter's obdurate head. This is the grace-

ful, becoming and conspicuous English housemaid's coronet, boasting three tiers

of crisp embroidered swiss frills, rising

tiara-like from the hair. To the rear,

from the tapering ends of the lawn coro-

net, fall down, as low as the shoulder blades, a couple of white streamers, two

and one-half inches broad, and tipped with embroidery. The whole thing is a

really becoming, stately and coquettish

dress for the head, that, for variety's

sake alone, any woman might be proud

to wear, though in the eyes of the

These caps, by the way, are not pur-

housekeeper who aspires to introduce them to her servants usually borrows a

pattern from a friend, who is the friend of a friend who brought over a few from the other side, for it is the individual

woman, and not the manufacturer who

is shedding their beautiful and baleful in-fluence on the American household.

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Up at Newport and in the neighbor-

miliar sight, but there were tragic scenes

those servants who would yield grace-

Many and many were they who refused

to capitulate at any price, threw up their positions in the very midst of the sea-

now and went back to thecity. The cry now is in the intelligence offices "Down with the English caps," and it looks as

were tears and coaxing words,

chasable at any and every shop.

maids Because of Them.

d'esprit edged with white bebe ribbon.

Another band of summer wrap, which, in spite of the chili season, was tardy in arrival, is a collar high about the ears and flaring on the shoulders, having for its foundation some sort of stiffening. Inside the collar is lined with black swan's down. Outside it is completely covered with many overlapping small frills of chiffon edged with ribbon. A jeweled tongue and buckle catch this under the chin. The popular, though not the official, name for this garment is the Klondike comforter. A white Shetland shawl with gilt and silver threads run through it is the very choicest evening wrap a woman can carry in this day, when luxury has reached a point where extreme simplicity is its highest expression.

Among the prettinesses of the country

maid is assailed by a high-spirited and suspicious eye and the fierce inquiry:
"Do ye want a gurl what is willin' to
wear them English caps?" In case of an
affirmative answer the daughter of a

affirmative answer the daughter of a hundred Irish kigs swings slowly about on her heel with the crushing retort that "It ain't me ye are lookin' for, then."

Strangely enough, it is the women just over from the old country who are most aggressive in their attitude toward the caps. The proprietors of the intelligence offices do not hesitate to recommend as the most docile, reasonable, self-respecting and efficient women, those who have been born and raised in this country. "They object to caps, hard work lie, however, in that it has brought

try. "They object to capa, hard work and to the country far less than those who have known the pinch and grind and real servitude exacted on the other side," said one woman at the head of a popular office. "An American-born wom-

written over with the story of the hand of fair woman in the conflicts—not to kill, to maim or to devastate, but, rather of the story of the hand of fair woman in the conflicts—not to kill, to maim or to devastate, but, rather of the story of the work is supported almost altogether by the contributions of those persons who believe that the Salvation Army is capable of giving the United States Army a few points—of which number, by the way, there are not a few-and the soldiers appreciate the trouble taken for their happiness. The various publications of the Army are given to them free, and they are liberally supplied with slationery and writing materials.

Yet there were persons, years ago, be

WOMEN IN THE WAR.

Two Prenchers in Blue Who Have a Large Following.

The history of the wars of the world contains but few pages that are not written over with the story of the hand of fels workers in the resonance of the foolish bravado so often seen among young persons at similar meetings held under different circumstances.

very little. They drink water and live on goffo, the native barley bread, dried fish, potatoes and Barbary figs.

Many inhabitants of the Canaries is till live in grottos. In the Grand Canary, for example, there is an entire village of troglodites—La Tainya. The ordinary house is of stone, with a terraced roof, rendered impervious to water. The furniture is very simple. A bed, with its straw mattress, is the chief object in the room, and the rest consists of a chest to hold the clothing, a mat on the floor, a jug for water, a dish for the grain, a little hand-mill, a kind of etagere, to hold some highly-prized plates of porcelain, ornamented with gaudy flowers—for decoration and not use—and a few wooden cheirs.

At meal time the entire family sits on the mat around a large wooden have or continuous and large wooden have or continuous and street and all

on the mat around a large wooden bowl, or earthenware platter, and all dip their fingers and rude spoons and forks in it at pleasure. The food is generally gofto, dried fish, figs, etc., as in the other islands. In the evening the in the other islands. In the evening the women boil some herbs, without any butter or grease, and this bouillon is used to knead the bread, or gofio, instead of water. They also eat in large quantities a kind of thistle, which has a standard the standard water. flowers as large as artichokes. Water is the universal beverage.

Amazing Outfits Worn by Some

Home-Coming Feminines. Quite the most impressive sight, to fem-inine eyes, when a great Atlantic liner is

The coming-off costume of course, inations from the rule de la Paix and bonnets from celebrated maisons figured in en who have dipped deeply into foreign shops put on, for the arrival function, not

satin sunshade.

Beads of perspiration glistened on the flushed but grazified countenance of the good lady. All the devoted sons and daughters, who were on hand to greet her, were held at arm's length, for, ar-

The Saving Duke of Edinburgh An English paper tells a story of a roya duke who has the reputation of being somewhat close in money matters. On wet afternoon he hatled a cab in Street, and requested to be driven to Vic-toria Station. Arrived at that terminus, he handed the cabman a shilling. Then, of course, came the inevitable, "Ere,

tanner?"
"Certainly not," said the noble fare.
"And what is more, you came the wrong way. What made you go right are Hyde Park corner and Grosvenor Place

"Closed? St. James's Park closed? "Oh, they say as how the dook dropped three-penny bit comin' across the lost night, and the park's closed till they find It!"

Our German Citizens.

There are said to be about 3,000,000 Germans in the United States, and a very large proportion of the meles among them are trained soldiers. These people are taking every opportunity to declare their loyalty to our Government, and they furnish an excellent resson why Eperor William should avoid a war with this country. (From the Philadelphia Ledger.)

# THE GANGPLANK PARADE.

warped into her slip at the New York locks, is the dress parade of home-coming women down the gangplank leading from the first-class cabin. Humble-minded or scant of purse is that traveler who does not peacock down the narrow wooden lane leading to the dock in a gown of special importance.

cludes a brand new hat, shoes, gloves, sunshade and often enough a wrap which she carelessly throws over her arm and thus tries to run the gantlet of the customs. In the good old days, when Uncle Sam exacted light duties, the coming-off tollets used to be very perfect in oppointment indeed, the most exquisite crethe show. Nowadays the high duty on personal belongings has brought about a curious result in this frees parade, Womwhat will make the most symmetrical costume, but what they prize the most and wish to get through duty free. and wish to get through duty free. The idea is to wear ashore the most precious things, and in consequence some amazing outfits trip on to the dock. When a ship came in from England recently, and the day was piping hot, a stout dowager sailed down the gangplank arrayed in a superb gray sain skirt, cut with a long train, and heavily trimmed with splendid lace. It was evidently a gorgeous dinner dress, for the saith body, as richly ornamented as the skirt, had an incongruous white lawn gamp fitted into the decollete neck, and muslin sierves sewed into the armholes. Around her throat the lady wore a faultiess boa of sable tails; on her a faultiess boa of sable tails; on her head was a hat all too palpably bought for her sixteen-year-old daughter, and aloft fluttered a dainty white face and

what's this? Can't you make it another

Hyde Park corner and Grosvenor Place?'
The cabby saw that he had no chance
and chaffingly replied: "Wot for? 'Cos
St. James's Park is closed—that's wo

CHARMING NEGLIGEES.

whith the new white settin gings. A wateau gray fouland can be dispreted in black and further adorned with discrete touches of samp-de-boest sik under back clack. Beside carbon brown, sage greed and rose and black are laid, and in this wonsfortil last color you will soon see, in the shops, rich Venetian and Vienna cloths, cropes, and sain surfaced silks. For already dealers in fine raiment are clearing out the last of the spring stock to make ready for the rush of the season next on the year's program. Within a few make ready for the rush of the season next on the year's program. Within a few make ready for the rush of the season next on the year's program. Within a few meeks all the buyers will be home from Paris, and even now some of the early birds have come back talking of the Erneth substitution of clear copper color for burnt orange among the colors for trimming.

All the handsomest black costumes in clear, drap de Paris and wool volours or risik are, so they say, to show copper silks, sails, and velver under-lace yeash can compensation of the English peasant's make the south of the season who lifts a black skirt shows either a copper-colored silk petition of the season who lifts a black skirt shows either a copper-colored silk petition of the season who lifts a black skirt shows either a copper-colored silk petition of the season of material are copper-colored silk petition of the season of material are copper-colored silk petition of the season of material are copper-colored silk petition of material are copper-colored silk petition of the season of material are copper-colored silk petition of the season of material are copper-colored silk petition of the season of material are copper-colored silk petition of the season of the s

confused, and mumbled something, whereat the old lady looked at her with

"Come, come." she said; "tell the truth, "Come, come." she said: "tell the truth, you are ashamed to; you think a cap is not stylish; you want people to believe you are a fine lady and not an honest working girl. You say you went wear any badge of servitude because you are a free American. Well, let me tell you, my girl, that maybe Admiral Dewey prefers to mean a silk hat and a dress cont when wear a silk hat and a dress cont wh to wear a sik hat and a dress cont when he fights battles, but he is not ashamed to wear the cap and blue livery that Un-cle Sam, his employer, orders him to wear. Suppose your brother down at Santiago hated his uniform; look out there in the street and see that big policeers, fixed in a patent leather case on a dial plate, that can be kept handly stuck in the crown band of one's slouch hat. man who does not blush to be seen in the city's livery and cap-the conductors and motormen in the street cars don't refuse to wear the livery of the company they work for: just go to the city hospitals and see the women who wear caps The cap question is taking on serious and aprons proudly, and here I am wear-ing a cap as a badge of old age. You are the only set of women I know, you servant women, who like to repudiate and ligence offices the per cent of house and maids who have broken from under dishonor your uniforms, while soldiers, the thistledown yoke of the despised dishonor your uniforms, while soluters, sailors, great judges, sisters in the churches, nurses, policemen, even expressmen, wear theirs with dignity and self-respect and honor."

The old lady finished her speech and

swept out of the room, while Ellen and her associates looked limp and foolish. The next day Ellen came in blushing to say she had engaged to go to the old lady, and she added bravely she was going to wear any kind of cap her new employer selected. Since then I've here use ployer selected. Since then I've been us-ing the argument that brought Ellen to terms with wonderful effect, and I think if mistresses only knew how to talk to these servants they could bring even the despised English cap into favor.

# A Forgetful Bishop.

An English bishop, noted for the shortness of his memory, was one day waiting at a station for a train. Being in good time, his lordship was indulging in a solitary trot up and down the platform. While thus engaged, he came in contact with a young officer whose face seemed American housemaid it is a nuisance and familiar to him. Meeting him again, he said "Good morning." At the next rencontre the hishop stopped, saying, "How is your father?" The gallant soldier refather?" The gallant soldier re-"He has been dead for many years." The bishop tried again with the query: "How is your mother?" "Well." said the officer, smiling, "I think she must be all right, or you would have heard had she been indisposed." The bishop walked away, but his curiosity was greatly aroused. Seeing the station-master, and he at once asked him if he hoods where rich people have their sum-mer homes, the cap with "floaters," as the American housemaid contemptuous-ly describes it, is becoming rather a facould enlighten him as to who the young officer was with whom he had been conversing: "Oh," replied the staenacted at Lenox, Bar Harbor, Beverly Farms and elsewhere before a ukase en-forcing the new cap could be enforced, tion-master, "why, your lordship, that's the Duke of Connaught."-Household Words. month's notices flew about like autumn leaves, and it is no secret that many housekeepers prevailed by chapping a couple of extra dollars on the wages of

### A Uneful Citizen (From the New York Tribune.)

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There is widespread regret in Clucinnati over the death of Frederick H. Alms, the millionaire dry goods merchant and philauthropist, of that city. He served through the civil war with distinction, and at its close went into business. He was personally identified with many of the great business enterprises of Cincinnati, and was a director in a number of charitable institutions, being a generous contributor to many of them. As a patron of music and the fine arts be was also widely known. He was a mainstay in the support of the May musical festivals, and director of the orchestral association. Only recently he resigned as president of the Sangerfest board, although he retained his position in the board of directors.

with the beatific beauties which ever it said, who were wont to look down upwith the beatific beauties which ever attach to the name of woman. But a few miles from Washington there are two young women—refined, intellectual, gifted in many ways—who have, in the course of their life's work, accepted the commission to work among the soldlers who have gone out from the country-side and from the streets of far-distant cities to do battle for the national honor. Their labor is one of lave—a love inspired by the greatest love ever vouchsafed to the soul of man—and they do not mormur at the discomforts incident to their office, because they are buoyed up by hope that their work is not all in vain, and that many will rise up and call them blessed.

When the war begah, Commander Booth-Tucker, of the American wing of the Salvation Army, determined to send out female officers to work among the woll and emigrated from the mainland. Each the Salvation Army, determined to send out female officers to work among the volunteers in the various camps, holding meetings in a simple manner, without the side of the more of less musical instruthes aid of the more of less musical instruthes are the Salvation Army, determined to send out female officers to work among the visions, and was possessed of mutual harred which engendered constant warths and of the more of less musical instru
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meetings in a simple manner, without the aid of the more or less musical instruments whose use is generally and only many Islands were small, fair, energetic, the coming ashore parade. It is when,

the most adverse circumstances. To look at the beautiful, intellectual, deeply spiritual face of the mere girl, one would not think that the soul behind the fea-tures had been wrought in such a man-ner as seldom it is given to women of

mature years to experience.

Major Marshall was sent to France shortly after becoming an officer—or a minister—there to assist in opening up the work of the army. After several months of stormy scenes, riots, etc., in that country, she was sent to the Guern-sey Islands. Later, volunteers for Switzerland were asked for, and she gladly obeyed the call.

Her experiences in that republic were very disagreeable. The army was not understood, and the officers were expelled several times and after having to suffer ler expensery disagreeable, The leaving Switzer several times and after having to suffer imprisonment. After teaving Switzer-land, Major Marshall saw considerable service in England, after which she came to this country. In America, she has filled nearly every position in the army, and she is known personally to hundreds of thousands of members of hundreds of thousands of members of the churches in which for many years the churches in which for many years head and shoulders, surmounted by a straw hat often trimmed with flowers. They make the men's clothes, which are quite gay in this island, consisting of quite gay in this island, consisting of the knee tied with bright

which preserves the wearer from all dan-

er and unseen evil.

Notwithstanding their feminine attire, the women of Grand Canary are entirely masculine in appearance. Their hair is short, the mustache which ornaments their upper lip is luxuriant, they wear a man's hat, and they are passionately de-voted to smoking cigars. The women of the Grand Canary are not sirens according to American ideas. Neither are they as polite as they are generous, for al-though they will give a stranger a drink of water, while he has lifted the jug to his mouth, they will often throw an unexpected shower over his head and shoul.

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The writer was present at a recent meeting. The soldiers sang and took part in the meeting in great sarnest, their uniforms and the martfal atmosphere they in atives of Lanzarote are content with

# CREDIT ABROAD

In Europe American Women Can

Shop Without Cash. "If you want to receive a genuine boost to your national and personal pride," said a woman just home from a pilgrimage in Europe, "travel abroad and there discover that the mere fact of your being an American stands as security for most extensive credit with the foreign tradesmen. Over on the other side an almost eligious faith is cherished in human and feminine nature when it halls from Columbia's shores, and I experienced in Europe for the first time in my life the joy of discovering that my Anglo-Saxon face was literally my fortune. "The pleasing shock was first received

n no less unpropitious territory than that of Spain, where even last winter the Americano was looked upon with contempt and disgust. However, I fetched up, my first day ashore, in a seductive little bric-a-brac shop in Gibraltar. After purchasing clear up to my limit, I fell upon a fan without the possession of which I felt life would be a weary waste. But I simply had not the \$55 to pay for it, and I said so. The proprietor, a Spanish Jew, handed it to me with a courtly bow, saying, 'Send the money by and by. I assured him I was going to leave Gibraitar in an hour, that thres weeks must clapse before I could send him the money on from London. I explained I was a total stranger in the place. Then he summered we selected place. Then he summoned up sufficient English to say, 'Madam, I am a Jew, and have been in this business twenty-five years, but I rarely hesitate to give either an Englishman or an American all the credit they wish. Not once have they ever betrayed my confidence. Go in peace nd pay when you can.

"Now, you may think this a unique ex-perience, but after six months' knock-ing about the Continent, and comparing notes with other Americans, I came to he conclusion that with a bold but inseent eye and a rich Yankee twang. I could travel around the globe on credit,
"It was my experience with those shrewd, hard-headed little French dress-makers who proved this to me, and also proved what a wide and lofty reputation the New England conscience enjoys. You see, I was on my first trip to Paris, and like Ali good Americans, my two friends and I felt bound to buy one smart frock apiece, cost what they would. So we picked out a mediate whose name we saw very often in the fashion papers as a purveyor of tare costumes to duchesses, etc. We had no letters of introduction to the head of the firm; our address was one of the most modest little hotels in Paris; we bore all the earmarks of enterprising broad-winners out on a holiday, and we offered to make an ample deposit on each gown

ordered.
"You see, we were accustomed to doing so at home, besides guaranteeing to pay on delivery of goods. But to our amazement not only was no deposit reto pay on delivery of goods. But to our amazement not only was no deposit required, but no references were asked, and the gowns were left at our hotel quite as if we were leading million-aircrees. Furthermore, we saw goods and models in that dressmaker's roomathat seemed quite irresistible; but when we were urged to buy, we made a clean breast of our financial condition.

"Then we fairly gasped when the dressmaker calmly proposed to supply us each with clothes to the amount of \$25, let us take them to America and pay just as soon as we were able. It was a fairly staggering proposition, and for a while we feebly atruggled to resist, but the modists only laughed cheerfully.

"Have no fear, laddes," she insisted, I know my business, and though there

"Have no fear, ladles," she instated, I know my business, and though there are titled, wealthy ladles here in Paris to whom I dare not extend a penny of credit, the Americans they have what you call the New England conscience. I have heard about that conscience and I trust it every time. It's all right, ladles, it is quite O. K. She laughed joyously over the knowledge of American honesty and American slang, and I brought over all my lovely Paris clothes on credit.

on credit.
"I must say they are no less willing to trust a respectable-looking American wo-man in London, and in Italy they regard an American's promise to pay as good as a bond. One New York woman showed me a whole boxful of lovely diamond. rings a London dealer sent to her hotel for inspection. He left them with her for for inspection. The part of the assurance than her promise that they would be well eared for. Another one told me on my home-coming steamer how, without her purse or her luggage, she was left be-hind at the station at Verona. She was explained her situation. She wanted some money to telegraph to her friends, she wanted ledging for the night, her bath, her dinner and her breakfast, and she had only a cheap sliver watch to put up

as security.
"The plump, amiable hotel proprietor heard her story, looked her over, refus-ed to touch her watch and gave her that very best he had in his house to offer. She wonders is she could repeat that ex-perience successfully in her own country. Never at any time do foreign tradespec ple refuse to send and leave goods for inspection at an American's hotel. Puri-sian and London milliners will send a ian and London milliners will send a ozen boxes of hats to a hotel and lot the rospective nurchaser keep them twentyfour hours, to study and experiment with their charms. There seems to be no fear that the patroness will dishonestly at-tempt to get a few hours' wear out of any of them, and besides hats they will send shoes, undergarments, etc., home for discussion and approval. "After a six months' sojourn among these flattering and confiding foreigners

I came home and utterly failed to repeat any of these pleasant experiences in my own land. I've tried it and I know that the American woman is often not without credit save in her own country.

Stories of Fitz James O'Brien.

When Thomas Bailey Aldrich mail-salaried clerk in George W. on's bookstore on Broadway, Fitz James Dirien was in the habit of dropping in o see him, and one day came in rather nore than half-seas over. Aldrich demore than half-seas over. Alarich de-cided to take him across the street to a hotel and put him to bed. Cautionsly and carefully he led O'Brien; but before he had got half way across a friend stopped him and asked: "Why do you want to bother with the fellow? Let him go." "I will not," replied Aldrich; "he borrowed a dollar from me a few days ago, and I can't afford to let anything happen to him." At another time, when he was not strictly sober, O'Brien found him out of funds. He wandered into a publisher's office and asked for twenty-five dollars. This was refused him. Angrily seizing a placard, O'Brien reversed it and made in big letters on the blank side: "One of —'s Authors. I am Starving." Tyling a string to the card, O'Brien placed it around his neck and paraded up and down the street, to the great amusement of a large crowd. He was, of course, request-ed to desist, but nothing stopped his mad course until a five-dollar bill was presented to him as a compromise.-Argo-

Chinese Girls Coming to America. (From the St. Paul Pioneer Press.)

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When the university opens in the fall it will number among its students at least one of three Chinese girls, who will arrive in Minneapolis the last week in July. They will come directly from their homes in China and will be members of the family of Bishop Joyce, who returned a few days ago from his missionary tour of the world. The eldest of the three is twenty-two years old, the others eighteen and nineteen years of age. They come from good Chinese families and were selected by Bishop Joyce from schools in China which he visited as particularly bright and promising students. They will take up the analy of medicine and fit themselves to return to their native country and work among their people. The presence of Chinese women in America is not so common that the arrival of these three years strungers will pass without note. It is not customary for the Chinese to permit their women the freedom of life in American eithes, and although there is a Chinese colony in Minneapolis, there has been but one woman in it, and she in these expenses to be the colony in Minneapolis, there has been but one woman in it, and she